

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-53. (Canceled)

Claim 54. (Currently Amended) A method for wound care, comprising administering ~~the composition as claimed in claim 40~~ a solution comprising lactoferrin, the solution:

- a) having a pH below 3; or
- b) containing a metal chelating agent, and having a pH below 5.

Claim 55. (Currently Amended) A method for oral care, comprising administering ~~the composition as claimed in claim 40~~ a solution comprising lactoferrin, the solution:

- a) having a pH below 3; or
- b) containing a metal chelating agent, and having a pH below 5.

Claim 56. (Currently Amended) A method for decontamination of inert surfaces, ~~such as surgical instruments,~~ comprising administering ~~the composition as claimed in claim 40~~ a solution comprising lactoferrin, the solution:

- a) having a pH below 3; or
- b) containing a metal chelating agent, and having a pH below 5.

Claim 57. (Currently Amended) A method for decontamination of food products, comprising administering ~~the composition as claimed in claim 40~~ a solution comprising lactoferrin, the solution:

- a) having a pH below 3; or
- b) containing a metal chelating agent, and having a pH below 5.

Claim 58. (New) The method of claim 56, wherein the inert surfaces comprise surgical instruments.

Claim 59. (New) The method according to claim 57, wherein the food products to be treated comprise meat.

Claim 60. (New) The method according to claim 54, wherein the solution contains 0.1 to 10 mM of EDTA.

Claim 61. (New) The method according to claim 55, wherein the solution contains 0.1 to 10 mM of EDTA.

Claim 62. (New) The method according to claim 56, wherein the solution contains 0.1 to 10 mM of EDTA.

Claim 63. (New) The method according to claim 57, wherein the solution contains 0.1 to 10 mM of EDTA.

Claim 64. (New) The method according to claim 54, wherein the solution contains 0.2 to 20% (w/v) of lactoferrin.

Claim 65. (New) The method according to claim 55, wherein the solution contains 0.2 to 20% (w/v) of lactoferrin.

Claim 66. (New) The method according to claim 56, wherein the solution contains 0.2 to 20% (w/v) of lactoferrin.

Claim 67. (New) The method according to claim 57, wherein the solution contains 0.2 to 20% (w/v) of lactoferrin.